

GRAUSTARK

#102

1965Q, 1966Q, 1966R, 1966AA

10 September 1966

1965Q. "Fall 1908"
OUTNUMBERED ITALIANS ROUT INVADERS

ENGLAND (Koning): A St.P-Mos; A Liv & A St.P-Mos; F Norwegian Sea-Norway; F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea; F Bar S F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea.

FRANCE (Whalan): A Mar-Bur; A Gas-Spa; F Por-Mos.

GERMANY (Smythe): A Sil-Boh; A War-Gal; A Mun-Bur; A Ber-Mun; A Bur-Par; A Bre-Gas; F Mid-Spa (south coast); F North Sea-Eng; F Den-North Sea.

ITALY (Berman & Reinste in): F Tun-Ion; A Rom-Apu; F Nap S A Rom-Apu; A Tyr-Tri; A Ven S A Tyr-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (K. Pattee): F Adr-Ven; A Tri S F Adr-Ven; A Bud S A Tri; A Vie-Tyr; A Gal-Boh.

TURKEY (Kuch): A Apu-Ven; F Ion-Tyr; F Eas-Ion; F Alt S F Eas-Ion; F Aeg-Con; A Rum holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish army in Apulia is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nor, St.P. (6)

FRANCE: Mar, Por, Spa. (3)

GERMANY: Bel, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Ber, Mun, Par, Swe, War. (10)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Smy. (6)

England and Turkey may each build 1 new unit. Italy must remove 1 unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1966.

1966Q. "Spring 1909"
RUSSIANS EXPELLED FROM FRANCE

FRANCE (Latimer): A Par-Bur; A Pic & A Mar S A Par-Bur; A Edi & F Rom hold; F Eng-Lon; F Bre-Eng; F Wes-Mid; F Tyr-Wes; A Tyr-Ven.

GERMANY (Miller): A Spa-Gas.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (von Metzke): No moves received. A Ven, A Gal, A Bud, & A Rum hold. A Tri dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Aita): A Bel holds; A Bur S A Bel; A Mun S A Bur; F North Sea-Ion; F Hol-North Sea; F Norwegian Sea S F Hol-North Sea; A Kie-Hol; A War-Sil; A Mos-War; A St.-Mos; A Ukr S A St.P-Mos.

TURKEY (Berman): F Con-Bla; F Aeg-Con; F Alb-Tri; F Adr & A Ser S F Alb-Tri; A Sev-Rum; A Bul S A Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian army in Burgundy retreats to Ruhr. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1966.

No moves were received from either Gregory Salamo, playing Austria-Hungary, or from Conrad von Metzke, the stand-by. Since this is the second consecutive move Salamo has missed, he is dropped. If von Metzke sends in "Fall 1909" moves they will be used. The new standby is Michael Vaughn, 390 1st Ave., New York, N. Y. 10010. He is asked to send in standby moves for Austria-Hungary, which will be used if none are received from von Metzke.

NAPLES: May the Kaiser slip on a banana peel.

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"Winter 1903"

TWO ARMIES LOST IN SILESIAN WASTES

Following the campaigns of "Fall 1903", the German army in Munich and the French army in Prussia were both ordered to retreat to Silesia. This resulted in a stand-off, and since neither army could retreat, both are annihilated.

C. R. Wagner, now playing Turkey, asks that all players communicate with him by air mail only. His address is Box 6008, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96328.

"Winter 1903" builds and removals are:

ENGLAND (Latimer): Builds A Edi. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Uhr): Removes

FRANCE (Berman): Builds F Brs, A Gal, A Ukr.

A Par.

TURKEY (Wagner): Builds F Smy,

ITALY (M. Thomson): Builds A Ven, A Con.

F Rom.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1966.

TOKYO (Jan. 3, 1904, IRNS): The Russian Ambassador today received the surrender of the Empire of Japan. This treaty gives Russia Formosa, Korea, and Manchuria, and all the home islands except Honshu.

Honshu, the Ryukyu Islands and the Japanese sphere of influence in China were given to Germany in a separate treaty signed yesterday.

The German Pacific Area Armed Forces command announces that occupation headquarters will be in Tokyo.

CONSTANTINOPLE (Jan. 10, 1904): The Nasturtium government announced this morning that a state of war now exists between the glorious Italian-Turkish alliance and dirty ol' Austria-Hungary. Later in the day, Nasturtium was seen in the palace courtyard with "Gio" Palitacalli, Italian Ambassador to Turkey. Presidential aides said they were playing catch with a sphere of influence.

MUNICH (Jan. 15, 1904): Although the first French capture of Munich was undoubtedly a surprise to its erstwhile burghers, they were prepared for it this time, and acted accordingly. In an effort to spare such famous landmarks as the Willemstrasser Beer Hall and Mayor Unterlintenstrasser, Munich was declared an open city. Unfortunately the French, imparting French morals to the citizenry, suspected a trick. General Dimmelroi of the Third Army ordered a full scale attack, explaining that this was normal procedure in entering open cities. Fortunately for the inhabitants, one of the first buildings "liberated" was the Willemstrasser Beer Hall and its adjoining brewery. In spite of their finding fault with its contents ("Pas de vin? Sacre bleu!!" noted a certain Major Charles Andre Joseph Marie something-or-other) it appears that few French conscripts were in any mood to continue beyond Willemstrasser. The few that did apparently felt little need to advance beyond the Strasberg Gate, home of several competitors to the Willemstrasser. General Dimmelroi, being of harder constitution than most of his command, managed to get to the Munich branch of the Reichsbank, where he immediately confiscated 100,000 francs worth of counterfeit Deutschmarks, which had been captured from French spies the previous week. There have been no shipments of wine from France since the 3rd, and the breweries of Bavaria, while plentiful, are not uncountable, therefore it is safe to assume that General Dimmelroi's hordes will soon depart for other climes. Dimmelroi himself is preparing his troops for their next assignment by teaching them how to convert liters to Imperial gallons and quarts, and francs to pounds - "and ze ounzes, as well, n'est pas?"

CHUNGKING (Dec. 29, 1903): Here at the new capital of "Free China", as it is now being called by almost everyone, there is widespread rejoicing, as the news has just reached us of a great victory by Republican troops over the Japanese and monarchist army, in the province of Kwangtung, near the Annamese border. The German and Russian Pacific fleets made amphibious landings just east of the French-held port of Kwangchowan, bottling up the Japanese forces there, while the Republican army swept down on the city from the west. The enemy forces were so shattered that the General Staff is now talking seriously of attempting to capture Hong Kong, which the British have boasted is "impregnable". In any event, supplies that have been recently coming through Annam may now be brought in through Kwangchowan. - Robert Kirkbride, WNA.

HAMBURG (Feb. 3, 1904): Prince Otto, deterred from his trip to the Squiji Islands by a paternity suit in which he is defending his companion, pet, and all-round buddy Champion Count Wilhelm von Hohenzollern III, affectionately known as 'Bubbles'. "Ach, budt dis vill be tshort und sweet," chortled the Prince. "It is abzoludely impossible vor mine Bubbles to be der father ovf der puppies. Mine Bubbles ist der dotter ovf der dachshund ovf mine nefew, der Count of Wurtemberg - der poor Count, he ist nearzighted, und Bubbles received her name before der truth vass discovered.

"Howefver," he went on, "I am zueing the Vrenchman le Fli's poodle'z broder vor der zame charge as he has made against mine poor Bubbles. His poodle rrrheprezented himzelf as a Liverpool dachshund, und mine Bubbles vass tagen in by der dezeiton."

Another factor in the postponement of his trip to the Squiji Islands was the news that Japan has begun a Pacific War. "Der Skvigi Islands are doo close to der Japanese und der Cherman Samoas und der Russian Vilipines. Besides, der Zaxons is blogadink der Chermans ships. I may moof to Fenice, so to better serf mine country by beink a singink condolier."

VATICAN CITY (Feb. 14, 1904): Dr. A. Ohne Umlaut, personal physician and veterinarian to Prince Otto, is now involved in giving detailed physical examinations to recruits in the Pope's Own Regiment of Amazon Axewomen. He interrupted this gruelling task today to comment on Prince Otto's future plans.

"As usual, my worthy employer is a trifle mixed up in his geography," the good doctor told reporters. "The Squiji Islands are actually in African waters. The native population is an extreme African type, as can be seen from pictures of them that have appeared in American newspapers. I paid a brief visit there before the war, as part of an anthropological expedition, and was the guest of the German consul, Prince Max, before his stepsons' antics drove me out of the house. The Squiji Islands are ruled by a hot-tempered native king, a sort of sun-burned version of the late Ernst August of Hanover. He spends most of his time playing pinochle with Prince Max and an elderly remittance man who once held a responsible position in the German Ministry of Education until he decamped for the tropics.

"The flora and fauna of the islands are distinctly African. It includes lions, wildcats, goats, donkeys, coconut palms, and cacti - the last adventive from America - which all figure in the pranks of Prince Max's boys."

LONDON: All communication has ceased from North America. It is speculated that Canadian fishing boats in the Atlantic have cut the

BORGIA ALLIANCE PUSHES BACK TURKS, FRENCH

ENGLAND (Dygert): A Edi holds; A Mos holds; F Norway-North Sea; F Iri-Mid; F Liv-Iri; F Bre S GERMAN A Bur-Gas.

FRANCE (Smythe): A Pic-Bre; A Gas S A Pic-Bre; A Spa-Mar.

GERMANY (Latimer): F Swe holds; A Ber-Pru; A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Mun; A Ruh-Bur; A Bur-Gas; A Bel S A Ruh-Bur.

ITALY (Aita): F Lyo-Spa; A Mar S F Lyo-Spa; A Pie S A Mar; A Gre-Bul; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Alb-Gre; F Nap S F Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walker): F Alb-Gre; A Rum & A Ser S ITALIAN A Gre-Bul; A Bud S A Rum; A Gal holds.

RUSSIA (Lake): A Ukr-Mos; A War S A Ukr-Mos; F Sev holds.

TURKEY (E. Thompson): F Aeg-Gre; F Eas-Ion; A Con S RUSSIAN F Sev-Rum (sic); A Bul S A Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish army in Bulgaria is annihilated. The French army in Spain retreats to Portugal, and the English army in Moscow retreats by contingency into St. Petersburg. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1966.

ANKARA: Turkey offers peace to Italy - and to Russia.

WIEN (16 April 1903): Her Imperial Majesty, the Empress Lucrezia, in a speech made at the former Austrian capital, said today that she is pleased with the progress being made by the Austro-Italian alliance in its crusade against the Turks. "In the past few months," Her Majesty observed, "we have used some of the new flying machines imported from America to great advantage. Daily sorties have been flown over Constantinople and other places dropping thousands of leaflets which have been kindly donated by the Knights of Columbus, the Abbey of St. Bridget, and the United Reformed Church of Latter-Day Adventists in the Mystical Body of Mother Macree the Same Today, Tomorrow, and Day After Next Thursday." Her Majesty opined that thousands of heathens would no doubt be converted and turn against their cruel and inhuman rulers.

LUCREZIATHAL (formerly Belgrade) (2 May 1903): His Highness, the Prince Cesare Bordscha, brother of the Empress Lucrezia and son of Pope Innocent XIV, today announced the pacification of all Serbia. He congratulated the Austrian Army Awfully Array'd on the splendid job it had done in eliminating centers and leaders of insurgent activity. His Highness also reported that the population of Serbia had somehow dropped by "a few thousands" recently, but felt confident that "in a few months" the situation would be corrected. He assured the local populace that he and his men had done, and would do, everything possible to insure that the demographic situation in Serbia did not deteriorate. Several women in the crowd seemed noticeably moved by the Prince's remarks. One of them, grabbing a near-by guard, cried, "Start with me, sweetie!!" Meanwhile, His Highness began to tour the country on a second tax-gathering mission, "in case I missed anything the first time."

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter X

Usually Clark Gunsel, mild-mannered comic book collector, smiled as he surveyed his magnificent collection of old comic books stored in the secret cellar beneath his home in Bugle, Pennsylvania. But today a frown was on his face as he looked over heaps of Captain Marvel books from the 1940's.

"Bad business, this," he mused, looking at a book in which Captain Marvel, on the Russian front, helped the Red Army knock down Germans in windrows. "Who knows how many innocent children of that period, seeing their hero helping the Russians, have gone into the Communist Party?"

As Gunsel thus mused, the Knot Line rang. He snatched up the tomato can, which was connected by a stretched string to a bean can in the Washington office of his superior, Mac. "Secret Agent O-O-Hate here!" he rasped.

"O-O-Hate, we need you in Washington," Mac said without preliminaries. "This is going to be one of our biggest operations. You'll be working together with Sir Harley Davidson, of Canadian Intelligence. The fate of the whole Free World, from Mississippi to Madrid, depends on this mission!"

"What's the caper, Mac?"

"We're going to arrange a counter-revolution. Several years ago a revolution took place in a crucial nation, and the new government immediately took on a neutralist tone. They overthrew the legal government and set up a junta of radical theorists which declared for neutrality in the international struggle. We'll never get anywhere in the Cold War until we throw out the revolutionary government and put in a group that is willing to really fight the International Communist Conspiracy."

"Great! I'll be right down!" O-O-Hate said. "What government is it that we have to overthrow? Iraq? Cambodia? Nigeria?"

"No. It's the United States of America!"

(And O-O-Hate is off on another mission. Follow his adventures in GRAUSTARK and find out how he deals with these visionary revolutionaries - and with his new sidekick, Sir Harley Davidson.)

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

The Gamesmaster would like to thank the many Diplomacy fans who have published, written, or told him personally that they enjoyed GRAUSTARK #100.

JOHN McCALLUM, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: In the last issue of your ratings I had a score of 54. How come I have dropped to 25, though your system has no minuses in it?

((This was an error in calculation. Your center-year total is still 54. This moves you up to a tie for 27th place in the ratings published on p. 25 of GRAUSTARK #100.))

Reinsel's rating system is, in my opinion, quite good. As Wells states the arbitrary element in it as to ratio of points for winning to points for surviving is a drawback; however, I think that the choice he has made of a ratio of 6 or 7 to 1 is about right. It does, however, have one serious limitation. Since it

depends on winning and survival until the end of a game, new rating can only be made at the conclusion of a game. With the usual rate of progress of postal games this means that the rating list is always about a year and a half in arrears. Anyone who has entered Diplomacy more recently than that has no rating at all.

((For example, compare James Latimer, who is entered in over 20 postal Diplomacy games and is unlisted.))

Your rating system does not have that intrinsically poor feature, and yet, you also, only make revisions to your list at the conclusion of a game. Why? Your system arrives at the ratings by adding up the number of supply centers held by each players at the end of a playing "year". Why not do it on a current basis, i. e., add in the additional information as each game year of a game is completed? A rating system within a month or so of being up to date would be the result.

((The center-year ratings are taken off the supply center table I publish in "Completed Postal Diplomacy Games" as the games are ended. Keeping these ratings up to date as you suggest would involve somewhat more record-keeping than I care to do for a rating system which has the weaknesses cited by previous letter-writers.))

It is mainly newcomers who like the rating lists. Neither you, Derek Nelson, nor any other old timer, has to look at a rating list in order to know that Smythe is good. It is the newcomer, though, who does turn to such a list to get some sort of a line on the other players in a game in which he finds himself entered. It is a pity that the only lists he can get will omit a good three quarters of the players with whom he will come in contact. That defect is not inherent in your system, although it is in Reinsel's. Why not let your system profit by a natural advantage which it has?

FRANK CLARK, 5506 Fiske Place, Alexandria, Va. 22312: This is to endorse John Koning's analytic statement concerning 1965L ((in GRAUSTARK #101)) and also yours - with two minor exceptions.

The Germano-Russian alliance originated in 1900, not 1901, on German initiative... The alliance never particularly required a "mastermind". If four of the other countries don't ally quickly, a solid German-Russian alliance is well-nigh unstoppable.

((In 1964, Allen Calhamer commented that in most postal Diplomacy games in progress at that time Russia attacked Germany. This, he felt, was unwise since an alliance between these two powers is so effective. This has been illustrated also in 1963B.))

JAMES LATIMER, Merrimack College, Austin Centre, Room 223, North Andover, Mass. 01845: I noticed that some players seem to be in dozens of games. This points up the value of a decimal rating system, in which a player's score is determined by his center-years, divided by the games he has completed.

The resulting average gives a much fairer representation of a player's position than a mere compilation of his total center-years. If you Gamesmasters feel like making the effort and going through the big long division hangup, I think it would be worthwhile.

CHRIS WAGNER, Box 6008, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96328: Re "sinister international Communist conspiracy". You know, there really is an international Communist movement whose avowed purpose is to bring all nations of the world under it's ((sic)) influence. The men involved in it don't seem to give a damn how they accomplished

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this end. They probably won't go away if we ignore them. Propaganda on both sides notwithstanding, I believe we're fighting in Vietnam for our own survival and nothing else.

DAVID LEBLING, 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852: Just in case you're interested, in the Communist Manifesto it happens to state that it is the duty of Communists to oppose any existing social and political order. Mao Tse-tung has stated his belief that war is inevitable (yeah, I know what you'll say to that) and Nikita Khrushchev noted that "We will bury you".

((Someday the operator of a crematorium will burn me. That doesn't mean that he will have killed me.))

I agree with you that it is unfair for Ky not to allow the NLF to participate in the elections; even the most pessimistic official (or unofficial) estimates say they could not win 15 seats in the plus-100 seat legislature. But even so, if the NLF had been permitted to participate, and by some luck won the election, then I automatically come over to your side and say to get out. It doesn't matter though, since they have decided that their people will boycott the election, just as they try to boycott any election they can't win (c. f. the Dominican Republic.)

((There has never been a chance that the Communists could win a U. S. presidential election. Name me one that they boycotted.))

Also, there was a "sinister international Catholic conspiracy" just as the same time there was a "sinister international Protestant conspiracy". It was called at various times the Reformation, the Counter-Reformation and the Thirty Years War. As for the Masons, the agitation against them was mostly due to demagogues, as you say; ditto the Jews.

((The "sinister international Catholic conspiracy" was still being marketed in the American midwest in my childhood, and the 1960 presidential campaign brought a few of its scaremongers out from under the rocks. It is phrased in much the same way as the Communist menace - the sins of 15th and 16th century Popes, and their physical and verbal attacks upon Protestants, are still being called into evidence against Catholics of our own time. All change in the Catholic Church over the years, and all dissent and discussion within it, are ignored just as anti-Communists ignore schisms and changes within Communism, claiming that they are devices to pull the wool over our eyes.

((A favorite device of these bigots is to seize upon quotes taken out of context, or representing a now-abandoned position of militancy, and use them to claim that their pet conspiracy is about to attack us. I suppose that anyone wishing to stir up anti-Moslem prejudice could quote the 47th Sura of the Koran as "evidence" that the Moslems of the present day are about to kill or enslave us.

((One example of how this is done is provided by Major Robert H. Williams, an Air Force Intelligence officer from 1942 to 1950. Williams apparently discovered a 25-year-old book on Jewish eschatology in a library in Texas, and quotes liberally from it in his 74-page pamphlet "The Ultimate World Order", published in 1957. Williams' quotes are an attempt to prove his point about the "sinister international Jewish conspiracy". Passages on the social aspirations of the rabbis of ancient times are made to serve as evidence for a socialistic Jewish conspiracy, and prophecies about the troubled times that will accompany the arrival of the Messiah are turned into warnings of a Jewish world revolution.

((This pamphlet is 75¢ from the National States Rights Party, P. O. Box 184, Augusta, Georgia, for those who wish to check the

preposterous distortions contained in it.

((Where distortions are insufficient, outright forgery is relied upon. These include a phony "Knights of Columbus oath", the notorious Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and an alleged assertion made in 1930 by one Dmitri Manuilsky that peaceful coexistence is a fraud prior to an attack on a disarmed West. Also to be included in this list is a spate of pamphlets which poured out of a Paris publishing house in the late 1940's and early 1950's; their magnum opus was a series of articles by "Budu Svanidze, nephew of Josef Stalin". The "Svanidze" forgeries were serialized in Life, which fell for them like a ton of bricks.

((The famous Khrushchov statement "We will see you buried" - a more exact translation - was made in the context of his belief that the Communist system is superior to capitalism and will outlive it. Khrushchev repeatedly asserted that Communism would come about in America as a result of action by Americans themselves.))

Space limitations require that 3 letters be postponed until the next issue. These are from John Reiner

Scott Duncan, and Michael Vaughn. Reiner apologizes for attacking the International Diplomacy Federation with less than a full background on it, Duncan objects to the GRAUSTARK Vietnam policy and to elisions in the letter column, and Vaughn wants no more political discussion in the letter column. I am beginning to agree with Vaughn on this point, and will close off such matters as of GRAUSTARK #103.

1966R (continued from p. 3)

Trans-Atlantic Cables in an effort to cut off the United States from Europe preparatory to invasion. The most recent communications from the continent were almost simultaneous mobilization orders from Acting President Wilson of the USA and Prime Minister MacKenzie of Canada.

QUEBEC: From this small French possession between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland came word, just prior to the cessation of communications with America, of elements of the Canadian fleet having steamed by nearly a week before. It is suspected that the fleet is part of MacKenzie's invasion force. Its destination is reported to be southern New England, where it will attempt to link up with the 2nd army coming down the Hudson.

BERLIN: Just you wait, 'Inry 'Iggins!!

PARIS: President Foulez, emerging from an emergency conference with his advisors, was visibly shaken. "Vee nevar dreamed zis could 'appen. Vee 'ave agxually taken Munich. What can we do about eet? Zee republie is totally unused to success, mon ami. When Prince Otto was here zings were normal, n'est pas? Our armays, zay did nozzings, which we can take, but now - Sacre bleu!! I'm afraid vee will 'ave to ask zee Germans to zend 'im baek to us." When notified of the "rather undisciplined" conduct of the occupation force, he commented: "at least zomezing eez normal."

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THE "S" ON THE LABEL

This issue of GRAUSTARK is going to a very large mailing list, consisting chiefly of people who have indicated an interest in Diplomacy or other board games by joining games in other postal Diplomacy bulletins, or getting on the mailing list of the Games Bureau of the National Fantasy Fan Federation. GRAUSTARK is the oldest postal Diplomacy bulletin, having been founded in May 1963 with a printing of only about 30. Since then it has grown to a circulation of over twice that figure, and almost 20 other postal Diplomacy bulletins have joined it. Almost 70 postal Diplomacy games are currently in progress.

If the letter "S" appears in the upper right-hand corner of the mailing label on this copy of GRAUSTARK, this means that you are receiving it as a sample copy. You are invited to subscribe at 10 issues for \$1.00.

No postal Diplomacy player should be without the special issue of GRAUSTARK, #100, which appeared a month ago. This giant issue includes the rules of postal Diplomacy, articles on the history and play of the game, a review of past and current games, and a complete roster of the players in current and recently concluded games. It also contains a complete list of postal Diplomacy publications, with subscription rates and game entry fees.

The following back issues of GRAUSTARK are available from the publisher: 44, 46, 48, 50-53, 57, 58, 64, 66, 67, 71, 72, 74-101. All are 10¢ each except for #100, which is 25¢. Some of the back issues are in short supply, so collectors wishing to fill out their files should act soon. Several months ago the postal Diplomacy bulletin RURITANIA was merged into GRAUSTARK; issues 28, 30, 32, 36, 38-40 of RURITANIA are still available at 10¢ each.

BUSINESS AS USUAL DURING REPAIRS

Veteran readers of GRAUSTARK may be somewhat dismayed by the condition of the 101st and 102nd issues. A loose "N" key on the elite typewriter usually used for cutting GRAUSTARK stencils caused #101 to be rather spotty. The 102nd issue reverts to pica type pending repairs to the elite machine. Also, my usual source of supply of Gestetner stencils is out of them, and I am having to make do with Dick stencils for the present. Dick stencils are somewhat narrower, and this sometimes manifests itself in ink marks down the margins of the pages. The Gamesmaster begs your forbearance until proper functioning of the equipment can be restored.

ROSTERS OF CURRENT POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAMES

Other Gamesmasters and players were asked in #100 to provide corrections and additions to the rosters given there. Several have responded, with John McCallum giving the most detailed corrections. In 1963C, Fred Patten resigned as England in "Fall 1912", and Phil Castora took over and won two game years later. In 1964C, Dick Sehultz was succeeded as Gamesmaster and publisher of Brobdinag by John McCallum after "Fall 1908". John Koning is once more Gamesmaster of 1964D, though I have no idea when this happened. Nor do I know who was Gamesmaster of 1966ADt. Barry Gold was not formally dropped as Turkey from 1965G, and is theoretically still in. In 1966AJ, Ken Davidson rather than Monroe Jeffrey is playing

Germany.

All the changes and additions which have come in since the publication of #100 will be printed in a future issue. In the meantime, the GRAUSTARK notations of newly begun games are:

1966AR: Anders Swenson, Miskatonic University (1966MB)
 1966AS: Donald Miller, Diplophobia (PHC)
 1966AT: Donald Miller, Diplophobia (PIC)
 1966AU: Harold Naus, A Droite a Gauche (ADAG-3)
 1966AV: John McCallum, Brobbingnag (3rd game)
 1966AW: Robert Speed, title of bulletin not yet announced

James Wright announces that he is getting out of Diplomacy fandom. His bulletins Bölverk and Valaskjalf will be terminated with their 12th and 2nd issues respectively. The game begun in Valaskjalf #2 will be continued by Robert Speed, 1610 Johnstone St., Richland, Wash. 79352.

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 By overseas surface mail, GRAUSTARK is 10 issues for \$1.60.

1965Q (continued from p. 1)

ROME: May the Sultan live to regret his foreign policy.

CONSTANTINOPLE: One of our allies seems to care little for defending himself. We may have to come to the rescue.

LISBON: May the Kaiser develop arthritis in his writing finger.

ROME: The Turks will be driven into the sea if it is the last thing the armies of Italy do. Italy for the Italians!

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